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Docket No.: 20350 US1 (C038435/0128572)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional Application of:)
Tatsuo HOSHINO, *et al.*) Examiner: Maryam Monshipouri
Serial No.: 10/066,007) Art Unit: 1652
Filed: February 1, 2002)
For: **ASTAXANTHIN SYNTHASE**)

New York, New York
July 19, 2004

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 21, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before July 21, 2004. 37 CFR §1.8. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02 4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Application No.: 10/066,007
Amendment Dated: July 19, 2004
Reply to Office Action of: April 21, 2004

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION: none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS: none.

REMARKS begin on page 5 of this paper.